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THIRD ANNUAL LOYOLA WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Eight top-ranked university teams will converge on the Loyola Campus of Concordia University Friday, November 29th and Saturday, November 30th in the third edition of the Loyola Women's Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Teams representing five provinces and the United States will be competing in the two day tournament.

University of Winnipeg Wesmenettes, the 1973-1974 Great Plains Athletic Conference champions, boasts two National Team Members in Angie Johnson and Chris Critelli, and are back hoping to avenge their loss in last year's tournament final. Also out of the Great Plains conference are the Lakehead University Nor'Westerettes, always a strong contender in the west.

Representing the Ontario conference are University of Waterloo Athenas, and Laurentian University Vees, presently ranked third in Canadian university basketball, primarily due to the talents of 6'3" Sheila Strike, another National team member.

The Atlantic Universities Athletic Association is represented by the Dalhousie Tigerettes, 1972 Loyola Invitational Winners, and the University of New Brunswick Red Bloomers, presently ranked second in the country because of their second place finish in the 1974 Canadian University Championships.

Returning to defend their title as last year's Loyola Invitational Champions is Queens College, New York, finalists in the U.S. College Nationals.

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Rounding out the tournament, and representing Quebec is host school Loyola. The Tommies, ranked sixth nationally, will be putting their eight game winning streak on the line and are hoping to be a more dominant factor in their own tournament this year after playing the perfect hostess role the past two years. Leading the Tommy attack will be QUAA top scorer and national team player Liz Silcott as well as Quebec team player Elaine Betchinski.

THE DRAW

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| <u>Fri. Nov. 29:</u> | 3 p.m. | Loyola | VS | Waterloo |
| | 5 p.m. | Lakehead | VS | UNB |
| | 7 p.m. | Winnipeg | VS | Dalhousie |
| | 9 p.m. | Laurentian | VS | Queens College |
| <u>Sat. Nov. 30:</u> | 9 p.m. | Consolation semi-finals | | |
| | 11 p.m. | | | |
| | 1 p.m. | Championship semi-finals | | |
| | 3 p.m. | | | |
| | 5 p.m. | - | Consolation Final | |
| | 7 p.m. | - | Third Place Final | |
| | 9 p.m. | - | Championship | |
| | 11 p.m. | - | Awards presentation by | |
| | | | National Team Coach, Jack Donohue. | |

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